

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
REQUEST FOR FILING APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)  
**WITHOUT FILING FEE AND/OR WITHOUT EXECUTED INVENTOR'S DECLARATION**

**Mail Stop Patent Application**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

Date: January 30, 2004

This is a request for filing a new PATENT APPLICATION under Rule 53(b) entitled:

**COMPACTED BIOMATERIALS**

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This application is made by the below identified inventor(s). Attached hereto are the following papers:

- ☐ Newly executed Declaration, ☒ Copy of Declaration from prior application, ☒ Abstract  
☐ Please **delete** the following inventors in the continuation/division/continuation-in-part application:

**Deleted persons:**

26 pages of specification and claims (including 61 numbered claims), and  
0 sheets of accompanying drawing/s.

☐ Attached is a Power of Attorney.

☒ Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on the following foreign applications:

Application Number	Country	Day/Month/Year Filed
9600800.8	Breat Britain	15 January 1996
9611249.5	Great Britain	30 May 1996
PCT/GB97/00105		14 January 1997

, respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application..

☐ Certified copy(ies) of foreign application(s) is/are attached.

☐ Certified copy(ies) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ in prior application no. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_

☐ This application claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.

☒ This application is a ☒ continuation/☐ division/☐ continuation-in-part of Application No. 09/639,940, filed August 17, 2000, which is a divisional of 09/137,127, filed August 20, 1998, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.

☒ Petition filed in prior application to extend its life to insure co-pendency.

☒ The prior application is assigned to BTG International Limited, London, England,

☒ It is hereby requested that the Examiner consider the art cited in the above parent application(s) by applicant and/or the Examiner for the reasons stated therein. A listing of that art is attached, but pursuant to Rule 98(d) copies are not required.

☐ Applicant claims "small entity" status. ☐ "Small entity" statement attached.

☒ Please enter the attached preliminary amendment **prior** to calculation of filing fee:

☒ Also attached: ☒ Information Disclosure Statement; ☐ Non-Publication Request; ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission; ☐ Statement deleting Inventor(s) named in prior application; ☐ Other:

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